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C O N F I D E N T I A L KUWAIT 3527

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS KU

SUBJ: FMS: VISIT OF LTV CHAIRMAN PAUL THAYER

REF: STATE 191877

1. AS DEPT AWARE, IT HAS BEEN OUR POLICY, SINCE WE ARE WORKING ON GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT LEVEL RE ARMS SALES TO GOK, NOT RPT NOT TO PROMOTE APPOINTMENTS OF COMMERCIAL MILITARY SALES REPS WITH MOD SHAIKH SAAD OR ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF GEN MUBARAK, PER MOD REQUEST. SINCE DECISION ON KUWAIT PROGRAM HAVE NOT RPT NOT YET BEEN MADE, BELIEVE WE SHOULD NOT RPT NOT BEGIN AT THIS TIME TO PROMOTE ONE COMPANY OVER ANOTHER.

2. IF LTV ALREADY HAS ARRANGED APPOINTMENT FOR THAYER WITH SHAIKH SAAD, WE SEE NO REASON WHY WE SHOULD INTERFERE. HOWEVER, VISITING LTV REP SOULE INFORMS US HE HAS REQUESTED APPOINTMENT BUT WAS GOING TO ASK AMBASSADOR TO CONFIRM. AMBASSADOR DOES NOT RPT NOT INTEND TO DO SO. WE ARE CONCERNED THAT IF LTV PUTS TOO MUCH PRESSURE ON SEEING GOK OFFICIALS RE MILITARY SALES AT THIS CRITICAL JUNCTURE, ITS EFFORTS MAY WELL BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE.

3. DEPT MAY WISH MAKE CLEAR TO THAYER SAME THING WE WILL SAY
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TO HIM HERE, I.E. WE WILL BE PLEASED SEE HIM AND WILL BE GLAD

TO GIVE LTV SAME ASSISTANCE WE WOULD GIVE ANY OTHER US COMPANY,
BUT WE SHOULD NOT RPT NOT GO BEYOND THIS POINT AT PRESENT TIME.
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